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**(Department of History)**

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## Course: Pakistan and World Affairs Issues and Challenges (9199)

## Level: BS History Semester: Spring, 2025

## Please read the following instructions for writing your assignments. (AD, BS, Bed, MA/MSc, MEd) (ODL Mode).

1. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks but within a question the marks are distributed according to its requirements.

2. Read the question carefully and then answer it according to the requirements of the questions.

3. Avoid irrelevant discussion/information and reproducing from books, study guides, or allied material.

4. Hand-written scanned assignments are not acceptable.

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6. Your own analysis and synthesis will be appreciated.

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## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 40

**ASSIGNMENT No. 1**

**(Units: 1–4)**

Q. 1 Elaborate on Pakistan's geo-political significance in the context of the New Great Game. Discuss how its location shaped its involvement in regional and global power struggles. **(25)**

Q. 2 Analyze the external factors, such as international organisations and the behaviour of other states that affect Pakistan's foreign policy decisions. **(25)**

Q. 3 Evaluate the significance of the 9/11 attacks on Pakistan's relationship with the United States in the new millennium. Discuss the events that reshape bilateral cooperation.  **(25)**

Q. 4 Examine the nature of Pakistan-France relations. Explain the role diplomatic, defence, and economic ties play in this bilateral relationship?  **(25)**

## Total Marks: 100 Pass Marks: 40

**ASSIGNMENT No. 2**

**(Units: 5–9)**

Q. 1 Analyze Pakistan's relations with Southeast Asia. Examine the role trade, security, and diplomacy play in strengthening ties between these regions. **(25)**

Q. 2 Examine the causes and outcomes of the Iraq War. How did the conflict reshape the Middle East and affect Iraq's political stability? **(25)**

Q. 3 Discuss the emergence of the Taliban and its influence on Pakistan-Afghanistan relations. How did Pakistan's involvement with the Taliban affect its foreign policy and regional stability? **(25)**

Q. 4 Examine Pakistan's participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). How has this multilateral platform influenced Pakistan’s foreign policy and regional security dynamics? **(25)**

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